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SUBJECT: APRIL 25 INDOCHINA PRESS SUMMARY

1. ALL PAPERS HIGHLIGHT " SHARPLY- WORDED" REPLY TO HANOI' S

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APRIL 16 CHARGES OF AMERICAN C- F VIOLATIONS. NYT NOTES THAT MANY CHARGES IN BOTH NOTES HAD ALREADY BEEN AIRED BY SPOKESMEN, AND REFLECT " SHARP POLEMICAL TONE OF RECENT PUBLIC COMMENTS" BY U. S. AND DRV TOWARD EACH OTHER. KEAT ( SUN) AGREES THAT, EXCEPT FOR " FIRMEST PLEDGE TO DATE" OF U. S. WILLINGNESS TO RESUME FULFILLING TERMS OF VN AGREEMENT, AND DETAILS OF COMMUNISTS' NEW ROAD-BUILDING IN LAOS, U. S. NOTE " UAS ESSENTIALLY A REITERATION OF PREVIOUS DENIALS AND ACCUSATIONS MADE BY U. S. OFFICIALS IN RECENT WEEKS." NYT CARRIES TEXTS BOTH NOTES.

2. UPI REPORTS SVN AND VC AGREED ON POW EXCHANGE BEFORE APRIL 28 DEADLINE, BUT ACTUAL DETAILS STILL BEING NEGOTIATED ( NYDN). REUTER SAYS POW RELEASE IS THREATENED BY SVN- VC DISPUTE OVER RELEASE SITES ( SUN). VC ANNOUNCE WILLINGNESS TO PERMIES MIGHT BE REDUCED. OSMANY ALSO HANDED HAQUE LIST OF POINTS RE WA PROPOSAL WHICH IF NOT COVERED IN MATERIAL ALREADY SUBMITTED, SHOULD BE TAKEN UP BY WA. LISTING FOLLOWS IN LAST PARA; COVERS ITEMS WHICH EVEN IN ABSENCE COMPLETE INFO ON WA PROPOSAL, EMBASSY CONFIDENT HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP THEREIN.

3. WHEN HAQUE CALLED, EMBASSY DID NOT OF COURSE DISCLOSE CONTENT OF DALY LETTER. WE DID INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS PASS ON QUERIES PUT BY OSMANY.

4. INCIDENT SUGGESTS NEED FOR EARLY VISIT BY HIGH- LEVEL WA OFFICIAL TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATION. IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CLEAR TO US DECISION- MAKING LEVEL ( OSMANY, ALSO SECRETARY SULTANUZZAMAN KHAN) HAS NOT FOCUSED IN DEPTH ON VARIOUS PROPOSALS BEFORE IT AND REQUIRES PERSONAL BRIEFING FROM WA OFFICIAL WITH AUTHORITY MAKE CHANGES AS NECESSARY. CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT AGENTS MIGHT ALSO BE AVOIDED IF WA REPRESENTATIVE WERE TO COME OUT HERE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WA DESIRES INDICATION FROM BDG THAT PRINCIPAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROPOSAL ARE ACCEPTABLE BEFORE DALY MIGHT MAKE TRIP. AT THIS POINT IT APPEARS SUCH INDICATION MAY NOT BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL THE TRIP IS MADE.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS ADVICE ON TWO POINTS OSMANY RAISED; WHETHER OR HOW WE SHOULD DISASSOCIATE HAQUE FROM PRESENT MANEUVERING; AND WHETHER THERE IS POSSIBILITY, GIVEN PECULIARLY BANGLADESHI CIRCUMSTANCES NOW PREVAILING, THAT HIGH- LEVEL WA OFFICIAL CAN COME HERE.

6. OSMANY' S LIST OF POINTS FOLLOWS:

- A. PURCHASE - BOEING 320 C;
    1. YEAR OF MANUFACTURE;
    2. HOURS FLOWN - NUMBER OF CYCLES DONE;
    3. GROWN SKIN CHECK AND WING SPAN MODIFICATION;
    4. COST ( NEGOTIABLE) ;
    5. FINANCING;
    6. TRAINING FREE OF COST ( AIR AND MAINTENANCE CREW);
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7. ACCEPTANCE OF AIRCRAFT SUBJECT TO TECHNICAL INSPECTION BY  
BB AND BOEING CO.

B. LEASE:

1. TOTAL PACKAGE OF WET LEASE;
2. MONTHLY RENTAL ( NEGOTIABLE);
3. LEASE SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE VARYING FROM 6 TO 12 MONTHS AND  
BEYOND IF REQUIRED;
4. LEASE SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT;
5. BB WILL NOT PAY FOR ANY EXPENSES PRIOR TO POSITIONING OF  
LEASE AIRCRAFT IN BB COLORS AT PREDETERMINED POINT  
MUTUALLY AGREED TO ( EITHER DACCA OR LONDON);
6. SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE BANGLADESH REGISTRATION ON A/ C  
DURING THE LEASE PERIOD. UNQUOTE.

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